Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending March 1984

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	14,103	5,746	2,561	1,207	1,198	456
Prof., Tech. (00-16)	1,120	441	91	31	114	20
Managerial (18,19)	560	211	129	75	77	48
Clerical (20-24)	2,347	1,900	389	319	202	151
Sales (25-29)	668	325	113	61	63	20
Services (3)	2,160	1,259	435	281	138	65
Farm (4)	202	31	15	0	13	1
Processing (5)	304	88	82	21	48	10
Machine Trade (6)	1,306	376	260	126	110	10
Benchwork (7)	1,100	738	313	211	124	82
Structural (8)	2,808	84	389	11	171	9
Miscellaneous (9)	1,454	254	316	54	137	40
Unclassified	74	39	29	17	1	0

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	March 1984	February 1984	October 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984
Total applicants for employment	3,784	3,196	35,404
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,280	1,667	12,140
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,031	1,677	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,079	811	5,986

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire decreased by 1,680 from mid - April. The 22,670 jobless workers represented 4.5 percent of this civilian labor force. The rate for March was 4.8 percent and the rate for a year ago was 6.4 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.6 percent in April, 8.1 percent in March and 10.0 percent a year ago.

Seasonal factors and new job opportunities accounted for some of the employment and unemployment changes. Trade establishments added on workers as some seasonal firms opened for the spring season. Some construction firms picked up operations in April especially in the Manchester and Nashua areas. New convention and hotel firms added on workers in the Manchester area. Most of the ski areas ended their season prior to the middle of April and layoffs occurred in the Berlin, Littleton and Laconia areas. Some layoffs occurred at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project between mid - March and mid - April but the majority of the April layoffs occurred after the week including the 12th of April so most of the Seabrook construction workers were employed in April. Some production changeovers in apparel and leather and leather products resulted in layoffs in the Claremont Labor Market Area.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment shows an over - the year gain of 20,200. Manufacturing has 8,600 more jobs led by expansion of 3,500 in electrical products and 1,200 in machinery. All manufacturing industries except printing, publishing and allied products and leather and leather products experienced over - the - year gains. Recent closing of firms accounted for the over the year losses in these two industries. Services with 6,100 more jobs and trade with 6,000 more jobs led the employment gains in nonmanufacturing.

Manchester Economic Changes-Total unemployment decreased by 570 and the total jobless count of 3,730 represented 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. A year ago the rate was 5.8 percent. Nonagricultural employment increased by 600 between mid - March and mid - April. Some new jobs were added in the services segment.

Nashua Economic Changes- Total unemployment decreased by 400 workers and the jobless count of 2,620 represented 2.9 percent of the civilian labor force. A year ago the rate was 4.9 percent. Nashua will continue to have one of the lowest unemployment rates of any of the metropolitan areas in the country in April. Nonagricultural employment gained by 1,050 as services, trade and construction led the way.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester Labor Market Area					Nashua Labor Market Area				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Apr 84	Mar 84	Apr 83	Month	Year	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	Month	Year	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	506,830	505,030	491,820	1,800	15,010	89,510	89,250	86,090	260	3,420	90,520	89,380	86,530	1,140	3,990
2. Unemployment	22,670	24,350	31,700	-1,680	-9,030	3,730	4,300	5,030	-570	-1,300	2,620	3,020	4,220	-400	-1,600
Percent of labor force	4.5	4.8	6.4	XXX	XXX	4.2	4.8	5.8	XXX	XXX	2.9	3.4	4.9	XXX	XXX
3. Employment total	484,160	480,680	460,120	3,480	24,040	85,780	84,950	81,060	830	4,720	87,900	86,360	82,310	1,540	5,590
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	65	0	-65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	421,900	420,250	401,700	1,650	20,200	81,100	80,500	77,600	600	3,500	75,000	73,950	70,850	1,050	4,150
Manufacturing	119,250	118,400	110,650	850	8,600	17,050	16,950	16,150	100	900	35,200	35,050	32,500	150	2,700
Durable goods	77,750	77,100	70,900	650	6,850	9,950	9,850	9,100	100	850	28,500	28,500	25,850	0	2,650
Lumber & wood prods.	5,050	4,950	4,500	100	550										
Furniture & fixtures	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100										
Stone & clay prods.	2,700	2,700	2,400	0	300										
Primary metal prods.	3,900	4,000	3,700	-100	200										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,350	7,250	6,950	100	400										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	22,550	22,550	21,350	0	1,200	6,400	6,400	5,850	0	550	21,550	21,500	18,900	50	2,650
Electrical prods.	24,400	24,000	20,900	400	3,500										
Miscellaneous prods.	1,950	1,850	1,800	100	150										
Other durables	8,350	8,300	7,900	50	450	3,550	3,450	3,250	100	300	6,950	7,000	6,950	-50	0
Nondurable goods	41,500	41,300	39,750	200	1,750	7,100	7,100	7,050	0	50	6,700	6,550	6,650	150	50
Food & kindred prods.	2,900	3,000	2,800	-100	100										
Textile mill prods.	4,450	4,350	3,850	100	600										
Apparel	3,050	3,050	2,800	0	250	1,900	1,900	2,000	0	-100					
Paper & allied prods.	5,600	5,500	5,300	100	300										
Print., pub. & allied	6,450	6,500	6,700	-50	-250										
Leather & lea. prods.	8,500	8,600	8,700	-100	-200										
Other nondurables	10,550	10,300	9,600	250	950	5,200	5,200	5,050	0	150					
Nonmanufacturing	302,650	301,850	291,050	800	11,600	64,050	63,550	61,450	500	2,600	39,800	38,900	38,350	900	1,450
Construction (inc. min.)	21,650	22,300	22,900	-650	-1,250	3,600	3,450	3,050	150	550	2,900	2,650	2,900	250	0
Trans., comm. & util.	15,400	15,400	15,200	0	200	5,050	5,050	5,100	0	-50	2,000	2,050	1,950	-50	50
Trade	96,400	95,000	90,400	1,400	6,000	21,550	21,400	20,500	150	1,050	14,550	14,250	13,950	300	600
Fin., ins. & real estate	22,350	22,050	21,000	300	1,350	6,350	6,300	6,200	50	150	2,400	2,350	2,100	50	300
Service industry & other	86,100	86,450	80,000	-350	6,100	18,950	18,750	18,100	200	850	12,600	12,250	11,900	350	700
Government	60,750	60,650	61,550	100	-800	8,550	8,600	8,500	-50	50	5,350	5,350	5,550	0	-200
Federal	11,800	11,800	11,650	0	150	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100	700	700	750	0	-50
State	15,750	15,700	15,700	50	50	900	900	900	0	0	250	250	250	0	0
Local	33,200	33,150	34,200	50	-1,000	5,650	5,700	5,700	-50	-50	4,400	4,400	4,550	0	-150

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment

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Labor Disputes: April 1983 - Industry 32 - 65 workers on strike not included

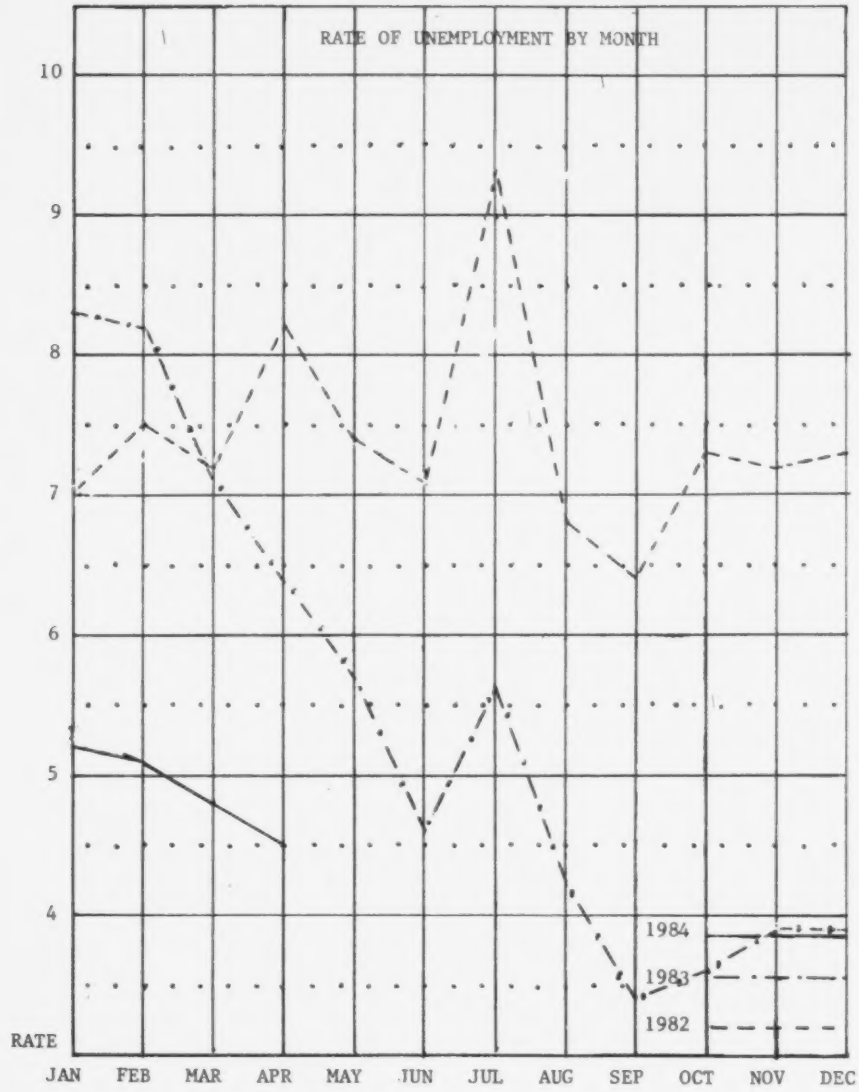
Total Unemployment and Labor Force by Labor Market Area (LMA) and County

Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	April 1984		March 1984		April 1983		Numerical Change From Previous		April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Month	Year				Month	Year
United States**	8,525	7.6	9,057	8.1	11,035	10.0	-532	-2,510	112,152	111,828	109,875	324	2,277
New Hampshire	22,670	4.5	24,350	4.8	31,700	6.4	-1,680	-9,030	506,830	505,030	491,820	1,800	15,010
Labor Market Area													
Berlin	1,710	8.9	1,370	7.0	2,530	13.3	340	-820	19,250	19,450	19,080	-200	170
Claremont	1,850	4.9	1,710	4.6	2,590	7.2	140	-740	37,400	37,100	36,140	300	1,260
Concord	1,680	3.7	2,030	4.5	2,300	5.3	-350	-620	45,130	45,210	43,420	-80	1,710
Dover	2,490	5.5	3,090	6.9	3,440	7.8	-600	-950	45,410	45,080	44,380	330	1,030
Keene	1,510	3.9	1,490	3.9	2,270	6.0	20	-760	39,010	38,340	37,810	670	1,200
Laconia	1,750	4.1	2,100	5.0	2,800	6.6	-350	-1,050	42,980	42,200	42,290	780	690
Littleton	1,440	10.1	1,120	7.6	1,740	12.5	320	-300	14,190	14,700	13,880	-510	310
Manchester	3,730	4.2	4,300	4.8	5,030	5.8	-570	-1,300	89,510	89,250	86,090	260	3,420
Nashua	2,620	2.9	3,020	3.4	4,220	4.9	-400	-1,600	90,520	89,380	86,530	1,140	3,990
Portsmouth	2,550	4.5	2,660	4.6	2,770	5.0	-110	-220	57,020	58,060	55,320	-1,040	1,700
N.H. - Lawrence-Haverhill SMSA***	1,340	5.1	1,460	5.6	2,010	7.5	-120	-670	26,410	26,260	26,880	150	-470
County													
Belknap	980	4.5	1,160	5.4	1,480	6.9	-180	-500	21,970	21,600	21,560	370	410
Carroll	760	5.6	790	5.8	1,180	8.8	-30	-420	13,530	13,540	13,340	-10	190
Cheshire	1,410	4.0	1,420	4.1	2,160	6.4	-10	-750	34,990	34,420	33,990	570	1,000
Coos	1,810	10.6	1,370	8.0	2,250	13.5	440	-440	17,090	17,230	16,690	-140	400
Grafton	1,710	5.1	1,690	5.0	2,580	7.8	20	-870	33,710	34,030	32,980	-320	730
Hillsborough	5,340	3.3	6,100	3.8	8,260	5.4	-760	-2,920	160,450	159,000	154,100	1,450	6,350
Merrimack	1,900	3.7	2,380	4.6	2,760	5.5	-480	-860	51,540	51,550	49,800	-10	1,740
Rockingham	5,190	4.6	5,590	4.9	6,120	5.5	-400	-930	113,140	113,900	110,420	-760	2,720
Strafford	2,240	5.5	2,810	6.9	3,140	7.9	-570	-900	40,790	40,520	39,910	270	880
Sullivan	1,330	6.8	1,040	5.4	1,770	9.3	290	-440	19,620	19,240	19,030	380	590

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" Handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and six small towns.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester Labor Market Area includes the city of Manchester and towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond and Weare.

Nashua Labor Market Area is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Lyndeboro, Mason, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, New Ipswich, Pelham, Temple and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1984	1983	1982	1981
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - April	304.1			
Percent change from year ago	3.1			
Year average		297.4	288.6	272.3
Percent increase each year		3.0	6.0	10.2
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - April	308.8			
Percent change from year ago	4.5			
Year average		298.4	289.1	272.4
Percent increase each year		3.2	6.1	10.4

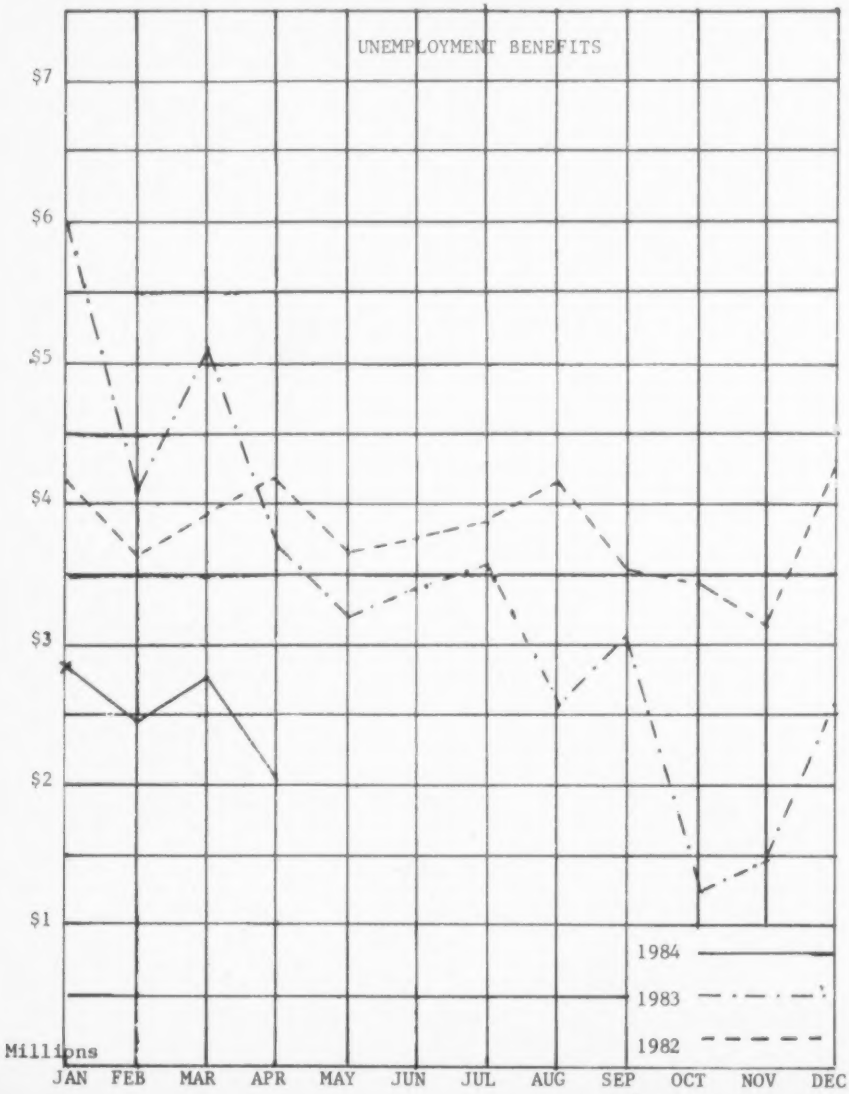
New Hampshire Average Weekly Wages by Quarter
1976 - 1983
(Workers Covered by Unemployment Compensation in Private Industry)

First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
	1976		
$ 161.85	$ 166.21	$ 168.96	$ 169.02
	1977		
172.41	176.85	178.36	179.70
	1978		
189.00	193.57	192.28	206.90
	1979		
206.38	210.91	210.31	225.60
	1980		
227.55	229.56	228.15	256.13
	1981		
239.40	249.78	252.82	279.21
	1982		
263.99	273.36	282.40	296.55
	1983		
288.35	290.55	295.77	310.11

Weekly Claims Filed During
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	8,532	25,209	42	92	19	27	85	103	35	131
Berlin	590	2,340	0	7	0	1	1	4	2	10
Claremont	299	1,595	3	0	1	0	2	4	1	6
Concord	336	2,051	7	29	2	9	3	2	2	5
Dover	1,019	4,275	2	12	6	8	9	10	13	57
Keene	234	1,075	0	4	0	2	3	3	1	1
Laconia	293	1,400	5	14	3	2	5	7	2	3
Littleton	362	1,424	16	13	0	0	1	7	0	2
Lebanon	69	531	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0
Manchester	1,075	3,499	3	2	1	1	1	6	3	2
Nashua	328	1,011	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	6
Portsmouth	2,851	3,476	3	5	2	3	11	45	5	18
Salem	193	514	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
Not included above:										
Liable Interstate	883	2,018	3	6	3	1	42	6	4	17

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $106.31



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End Of Month

$78,228,297.88

Net contributions received during month:

$ 7,861,624.26

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 2,032,268.41

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983
All manufacturing	$318.06	$308.85	$288.15	41.2	39.8	39.8	$ 7.72	$ 7.76	$7.24
Durable goods	336.00	326.83	303.81	42.0	40.6	40.4	8.00	8.05	7.52
Lumber & wood prods.	241.02	229.74	232.03	39.0	37.6	39.8	6.18	6.11	5.83
Furniture & fixtures	274.13	270.18	267.15	39.5	39.1	40.6	6.94	6.91	6.58
Stone & clay prods.	331.10	297.75	306.88	43.0	40.4	42.8	7.70	7.37	7.17
Primary metal prods.	357.15	356.65	333.84	44.7	43.6	44.1	7.99	8.18	7.57
Fab. metal prods.	305.72	292.99	298.00	40.6	38.5	40.0	7.53	7.61	7.45
Mach. (exc. elec.)	380.06	376.27	340.09	44.4	43.6	42.3	8.56	8.63	8.04
Electrical prods.	337.02	324.48	294.13	40.9	39.0	38.6	8.24	8.32	7.62
Miscellaneous prods.	252.47	254.49	224.37	41.8	42.7	37.9	6.04	5.96	5.92
Other durables	353.21	351.85	312.45	41.8	41.2	39.5	8.45	8.54	7.91
Nondurable goods	290.00	278.06	265.30	40.0	38.3	38.9	7.25	7.26	6.82
Food & kindred prods.	374.54	362.21	366.28	40.8	39.2	39.3	9.18	9.24	9.32
Textile mill prods.	267.15	260.90	252.15	41.1	40.2	41.0	6.50	6.49	6.15
Apparel	206.60	190.55	193.73	37.7	34.9	37.4	5.48	5.46	5.18
Paper & allied prods.	440.44	422.96	374.41	48.4	47.1	44.1	9.10	8.98	8.49
Print., pub. & allied	310.99	300.56	274.51	41.3	39.6	38.5	7.53	7.59	7.13
Leather & lea. prods.	178.56	168.64	185.50	33.5	31.7	35.4	5.33	5.32	5.24
Footwear	166.30	157.99	172.31	32.8	31.1	34.6	5.07	5.08	4.98
Other nondurables	318.94	306.53	284.86	41.1	39.4	39.4	7.76	7.78	7.23

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 50

Total Production Workers: 85,156

Firms Reporting: 290

Manchester Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983
All manufacturing	$291.61	$284.63	$271.52	39.3	37.9	38.9	$7.42	$7.51	$6.98
Durable goods	306.48	299.92	293.53	39.7	38.5	40.1	7.72	7.79	7.32
Mach. & elec. prods.	316.76	308.87	303.64	40.3	38.9	41.2	7.86	7.94	7.37
Other durables	287.21	283.50	275.84	38.5	37.8	38.1	7.46	7.50	7.24
Nondurable goods	272.76	265.27	245.63	38.8	37.1	37.5	7.03	7.15	6.55
Textiles & apparel	256.77	245.75	242.61	40.5	38.7	40.1	6.34	6.35	6.05
Other nondurables	278.86	272.66	247.11	38.2	36.5	36.5	7.30	7.47	6.77

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 50

Total Production Workers: 12,362

Firms Reporting: 39

Nashua Labor Market Area

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983	April 1984	March 1984	April 1983
All manufacturing	$383.97	$375.25	$345.87	41.6	40.7	40.5	$9.23	$9.22	$8.54
Durable goods	387.24	377.10	353.38	42.0	40.9	40.9	9.22	9.22	8.64
Mach. & elec. prods.	416.91	407.18	387.04	41.9	40.8	41.0	9.95	9.98	9.44
Other durables	316.30	307.19	287.85	42.4	41.4	40.6	7.46	7.42	7.09
Nondurable goods	368.15	365.64	324.69	39.8	39.7	39.5	9.25	9.21	8.22

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52

Total Production Workers: 20,094

Firms Reporting: 58